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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT : Proposed Senior Operations Course

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REFERENCE : DDP 12 September 1968

1. This memorandum is for the information of the Deputy Director for Plans.
2. The concept of a training course to provide the opportunity to examine and study current problems should prove most effective. Since this course will be open to supervisory officers of the Clandestine Services in grades GS-14 and above, their contributions to the specific requirements envisioned should be constructive and profitable.
3. In order to accomplish the objectives listed under SCOPE paragraph B, careful selection of outside reading should be made. It is suggested that the National War College reading list might be useful since it would appear that the NWC course has similar objectives for the first part of their course approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Department of State.
4. With reference to paragraph C, one school of thought in FE Division points out that senior officers should be exposed (a) to the project approval system, (b) the Operating Program and Station review system at both Division and C.S. levels and (c) the procedures followed leading to and through a budget hearing. The philosophy supporting this proposal is that there is but a handful of officers in the C.S. at large competent in this field.
5. Properly and effectively conducted, this course could become the avenue for selection of super grade officers as the senior service colleges are for promotion to General or flag officer rank.

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